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❖ MCKINLEYVILLE

## Six escape fire after candle ignites home

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT

MCKINLEYVILLE – A family of six is without a home after a fire caused serious damage to an Azalea Avenue residence on Saturday night, Dec. 12.

At approximately 8:21 p.m., Arcata Fire District responded to a structure fire located in the 1100 block of Azalea Avenue on the southeast side of McKinleyville.

The first arriving engine reported a single-family structure with a fire in the back bedroom. All occupants were out of the building.

The two-person fire crew quickly went to work stretching the hose line to the window to start extinguishment. When the next engine arrived, the crews were able to make entry into the house to fight the fire.

The third arriving crew established a water supply from the hydrant at Cochran Road and Azalea Avenue.

Firefighters controlled the fire in 20 minutes and overhaul operations began.

Assistant Chief Justin McDonald stated, "The first arriving engine crew did a great job with quickly getting water on the fire, keeping the fire contained to the bedroom."

The fire is believed to have been caused by a candle left unattended in the bedroom. The American Red Cross was called to assist the family of six with shelter and clothing needs.

Even though the fire was contained to the

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## Bay oyster expansion

Coast Seafoods wants additional 622 acres

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT BAY – The Coast Seafoods company is pursuing a 622-acre expansion of its Humboldt Bay oyster

farming, a project that was outlined and debated at a Dec. 9 town hall forum.

Held at the Sequoia Conference Center in Eureka and attended by about 30 residents, the forum coincides with an

extended comment period on the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District now leases oyster bed areas to the company and would

OYSTERS ❖ A4

## Arcata picks mayor, vice mayor

Ornelas dissents, questions Pitino's demeanor, calmness

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA – In a brief but mortifying Arcata City Council session last week, the council elected a new mayor and vice mayor as required by the Arcata Municipal Code.

Arcata's newly elected mayor, Paul Pitino, was described as lacking the "balanced, calm demeanor" required of the position by City Councilmember Susan Ornelas, following a motion by Councilmember Mark Wheelley and a second by Councilmember Sofia Pereira nominating Pitino for the mayoral position. Pitino has served as Arcata's vice mayor for the past year.

Saying she appreciates Pitino "as a person," Ornelas described Pitino as



**ARCATA COUNCIL** Arcata City Council members Michael Winkler, Vice Mayor Susan Ornelas, Mayor Paul Pitino, councilmembers Sofia Pereira and Mark Wheelley.

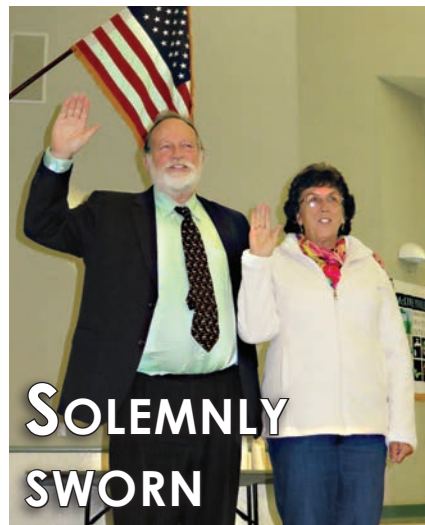
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"pushy" during last year's selection of mayor and vice mayor. At that time, Pitino had expressed a desire to serve as vice mayor, citing his many years of

experience on the council. Ornelas said she had kept an eye on him through the year, and his comportment during that time confirmed

COUNCIL ❖ A4

❖ MCSD



**TAKING THE OATH** John Corbett and Helen Edwards took the oath of office as they were sworn in on Dec. 9 to four-year terms on the McKinleyville Community Services Board of Directors. The incumbents signed up to run for office in the Nov. 3 election, but faced no opposition, which meant they automatically retained their seats on the board, which oversees sewer, water, street lights, some drainage, parks and recreation in the unincorporated community.

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## With grant, Ridge Trail reaches Fickle Hill Road

Kevin L. Hoover

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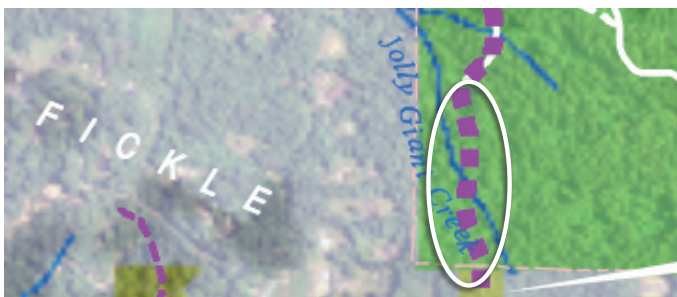
ARCATA – The still-incomplete Arcata Ridge Trail got a \$17,778 boost last week from the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The funds were handed down as part of \$8.4 million in grants announced for the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

While Arcata's share pales in comparison to the biggest of the grants – \$500,000 for Eureka's Waterfront Trail – it nonetheless brings the four-mile Ridge Trail 1,600 feet closer to completion.

The RTP grant will be matched one-to-one with in-kind donations of labor by city workers and the always-enthusiastic community volunteers on trail workdays.

The new stretch will get a new gravel surface and other improvements, and will link Trail 13 with what will eventually be a trail crossing at Fickle Hill Road. It includes conversion of 300 feet of former logging road.

One major new feature will be a new bridge over the



**NEW SEGMENT** The circled area is where the grant will be applied.

MODIFIED CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

headwaters of Jolly Giant Creek. It will be built by Arcata's Johnson Industries, which created the bridge over Janes Creek at the new Ridge Trail trailhead on West End Road.

The Fickle Hill crossing is yet to come. It and a segment of the Ridge Trail south of the heavily-traveled road remain unfinished, awaiting further planning and funding.

The Fickle Hill crossing is the only place where the Ridge Trail passes over a street with vehicular traffic. It will require signage to alert motorists not accustomed to a lot of pedestrian traffic there.

"I want to make sure it's ultra-safe before we tempt people to use that crossing," said Environmental Services Director Mark Andre.

## Marijuana growers can now register

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Those involved in the marijuana industry now have the chance to put their names on a county registry that will allow priority processing once the state launches a medical marijuana licensing system.

A resolution authorizing registration with the county gained unanimous approval at the Dec. 8 Board of Supervisors meeting. Brought forward by Board Chair Estelle Fennell and Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, the resolution establishes a registry that is immediately in effect and addresses a provision in new state law that allows the opportunity for priority license processing to those who sign onto it.

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Ryan Sundberg

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**PEOPLE PANEL** The Community PRIDE Project panel at Monday night's meeting. At table, Koa Shea, Brandie Wilson, Ken Hamik, Sasha Elizabeth, Nathan Johns and Stephen Gieder. Seated in foreground are City Manager Karen Diemer and citizen Robin Hashem.

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# CPP reviews downtown efforts, tallies results, looks ahead

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The Community PRIDE Project (CPP) met Monday night, Dec. 7 at the D Street Neighborhood Center in Arcata.

More than two months in, it's apparent that the group will not join the ranks of previous flash-in-the-pan downtown reform movements, and is committed for the long haul. Simply meeting more than two or three times makes CPP the superachiever in that category, but the group isn't just persisting – it's evolving.

The initial fires of outrage over deteriorating downtown conditions that fueled the CPP's first meeting Oct. 2 at The Jam family tavern on H Street have turned into focus, with sub-groups working through issues scoped out in those halcyon days of nine weeks ago.

The core issues – downtown civility, safety and appearance – remain largely unchanged from what was brainstormed at that very first CPP meeting. Addressing them with a problem-solving mix of direct action, such as cleanup and services, as well as interfacing with officialdom and other, more experienced benevolent organizations, are things the grassroots citizen-activists are learning how to do as they go along.

Group leaders reported in at the Monday night, Dec. 7 meeting, describing the progress of their respective focus areas. Among the initiatives are improving homeless services, keeping downtown clean and eventually formalizing the CPP's status as a nonprofit organization and refining its messaging. In attendance were city staff and a city councilmember, various concerned citizens and Arcata Main Street (AMS).

The group is closely coordinating with AMS, and was present during the Dec. 4 Season of Wonder & Light kickoff. Offered at the CPP table that night were toothbrushes and socks for the homeless. Also present was Dan Bixler of the Greenview Playground Renovation project, with which CPP is also associated. An offshoot group, Transform the Heart of our Community, is pursuing a ballot initiative to remove the statue of William McKinley from the Plaza.

More outreach to the homeless and underprivileged is planned, possibly in conjunction with Arcata House Partnership (AHP). This on the theory that addressing needs will reduce nuisances like aggressive panhandling and shoplifting.

Brandie Wilson of the Services Team said she's been told by area caregivers that "outreach on the Plaza is not OK." Attendee and photojournalist Bob Doran, who is assisting with the Media Team, noted that Food Not Bombs

(FNB) now serves food with impunity on the Plaza. "Just do it," he urged.

City Manager Karen Diemer said there have been "mixed experiences with food on the Plaza." She offered a capsule history of the FNB saga, which involved Health Dept. citations and courtroom drama. At one point, as part of a compromise with the city, FNB even prepared meals in the D Street Neighborhood Center's kitchen, then biked them down to the Plaza.

"It depends on what the service is," Diemer said. With any large-scale feeding operation, she said, "I think you would have trouble with some of the businesses." Historically, free-lunch giveaways can lead to crowds, then drinking, then fights and other petty crime. This then reflects poorly on the well-intentioned food providers.

"It's not the 90 percent that come for the food," Diemer said. "It's the 10 percent that come for trouble."

Arcata House Partnership's E Street Annex still has functioning showers and a kitchen from the old Arcata Endeavor days, but its ability to utilize them for homeless assistance is limited. AHP's core mission, though, is transitional housing rather than triage.

An urban myth about there being a city ordinance banning day shelters that offer refuge for the homeless at the Annex was debunked. The ban supposedly stemmed from "mismanagement at the Arcata Endeavor," which used to occupy the building near the Transit Center. The Endeavor's successor, the North Coast Resource Center, folded in 2012 after loss of grants and disaffection by former supporters.

Diemer said that there is no city ordinance against day shelters, which are commonly provided by churches, and that AHP has enjoyed fine management for quite a while.

Outreach Group member Koa Shea said a mobile outreach effort is being considered. "We're trying to think outside of the Annex and what it would provide," she said.

CPP volunteer Sasha Elizabeth said "blessing bags" – purses and backpacks filled with supplies for the homeless – are being assembled, and donations accepted.

Human Resources team member Nathan Johns described his attendance at a meeting of the Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) at Humboldt State. The group advocates for the homeless via community organizing and other means.

"It's pretty remarkable how staggering this issue is," Johns said. He said WRAP could be a useful resource in promoting solutions to street issues.

CPP co-organizer Steve

Gieder said the Friday downtown cleanup effort is, with an assist from the wet weather, showing results in terms of less litter.

"I've noticed that it's been a lot cleaner," he said. "We're having a positive impact."

Even last Friday in the rain, volunteers could be seen picking up trash in off-Plaza alleys.

There was discussion about eventually rescheduling the cleanup event to Saturday or Sunday. When someone suggested that more buckets and pickup poles were needed, Diemer said, "How many?" As a result, the city will supply 10 sets of the litter-removers.

While the Saturday Yoga on the Plaza event has been suspended due to soggy turf, the Sunday Plaza Play Group for families is still going strong. "It keeps putting out a good vibe that there," Gieder said. "We can create an environment where kids and moms feel safe."

Gieder offered thanks to a long list of CPP supporters and collaborators in the community, the news media and the city.

The next CPP All Community meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. A mixer is also being discussed for the end of January.

## ❖ ELECTION 2016

# Wheetley announces 3rd District run

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
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ARCATA – Arcata City Councilmember Mark Wheetley formally announced his long-anticipated run for Humboldt County Supervisor last week at the Arcata Community Center.

Wheetley aspires to the seat being vacated by outgoing Third District Supervisor Mark Lovelace. The election is set for June 7, 2016. Also running are Humboldt Bay Harbor Commissioner Mike Wilson and activist Uri Driscoll.

Former Third District Supervisor John Woolley said he's worked with Wheetley since the 1970s "as a friend, colleague and brother." He listed a number of environmental and community projects on which the two have collaborated.

"I can tell you, he has been a rock for the City of Arcata," said former City Manager Randy Mendosa. "His decision making abilities are just excellent ... Mark takes his time, takes it slow; he does not take the shortcuts to learn these issues. He learns the issues and makes very sound decisions."

Mendosa said Wheetley has useful contacts throughout the state, and can wield influence for Humboldt County. "Doors open for Mark in Sacramento," he said.

Former Arcata Chamber Executive Director Sandy Scott, speaking on her own behalf, said that "if you want somebody that's a good communicator representing you in the Third District, Mark Wheetley would be the person."

Wheetley thanked his family, supporters and campaign team. He noted his four terms on the council, dating back to 2005, during which he has served as mayor three times.

He cited accomplish-



**TEAM WHEETLEY** Former City Manager Randy Mendosa, Manila Community Services Chair John Woolley, Supervisor Virginia Bass, City Councilmember and supervisory candidate Mark Wheetley and former Arcata Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sandy Scott at last Friday's campaign kickoff at the Arcata Community Center.

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ments in housing, public safety, health and after-school programs. "We've really had a productive time in the City of Arcata," he said.

He said that as a member of the 480-city League of California Cities Board of Directors, he has "great working relationships with all those cities and other folks in those communities also."

Wheetley also cited his experience working in state government. "I get how state government works," he said.

He said his deep experience qualifies and differentiates him from the other candidates. "I have leadership experience," he said, and a "collaborative working style" based on partnership building.

Wheetley also called for unity and collaboration by the five supervisors. "At the end of the day, all five boardmembers represent different sectors of the county. They may not have the same opinion on issues,

but they're all ultimately working for the best of their communities, and there is a collective good that we have to work toward."

Wheetley was re-elected to a four-year term in November 2014. Election to the Board of Supervisors next June would require his premature departure from office in January, 2017. At that point, the council could appoint a replacement or hold a special election.

Wheetley vowed to complete the four-year supervisory term if elected.

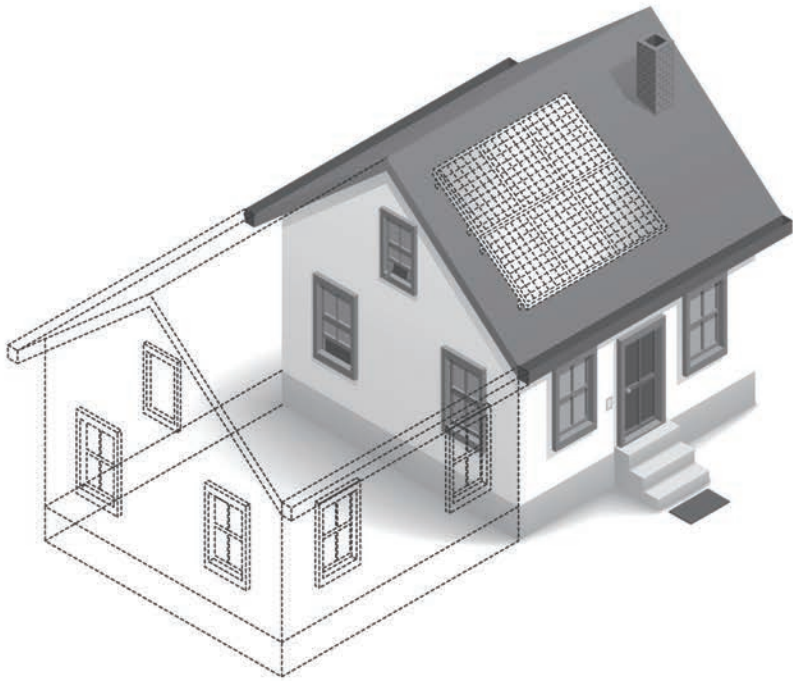
The realpolitik of the situation is that elected officials frequently move on to higher office before completing terms. It's an established method for succession, creating vacancies for newcomers.

Commissioner Wilson would also have to leave office early if elected.

"You can't account for the timing of these things," Wilson said. He also vowed to complete any supervisory term to which he is elected.

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# Borrowing will cover Juvenile Hall cost overrun

**Daniel Mintz**  
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EUREKA – Faced with the rising costs of rebuilding the county’s aging juvenile detention facility, the Board of Supervisors has given a green light for \$2.1 million in additional funding.

The county’s administrative officer has said that since the county’s debt capacity is low and so are interest rates, borrowing will be a likely option.

At the Dec. 8 supervisors meeting, Chief Probation Officer Bill Damiano updated the status of a state grant for rebuilding the

45-year-old Juvenile Hall facility.

Awarded in 2010, the grant provides \$12.9 million for construction costs and requires that the county contribute about \$6.2 million. Damiano said that since the grant was awarded, the county has worked with architects on various issues.

“We’ve been redesigning the facility and cutting out as much as we can to try to stay within budget,” he continued. “We’ve now reached a point where we know things that we didn’t know when we applied for the grant.”

One of the revelations is that

the Juvenile Hall facility – which adjoins the county’s Probation Department building – will have to be completely replaced. Going into the project, the extent of reconstruction was uncertain.

Damiano added that another recently-discovered aspect is that “the soils in the area really need to be reworked to hold the project.”

He said additional costs add up to about \$750,000. Because the county’s bidding process accounts for bids potentially coming in at up to 10 percent over estimated total cost, the total of additional

funding is hiked to \$2.1 million.

Supervisor Virginia Bass said she was “shocked” at the cost increase and in response to her question about where the funding would come from, County Administrative Officer Phillip Smith-Hanes said it can be borrowed.

He said his office has been working with the county’s treasurer-tax collector and director of public works to develop a debt financing recommendation for a variety of facility projects and the team “would look at rolling this in as a part of that.”

The county has avoided bor-

rowing for new facility projects for many years, he continued, and has “additional debt capacity.”

Smith-Hanes added that interest rates are now low and the county will have an opportunity to borrow money for several facilities improvement projects.

He will return with a proposal for improving facilities, including Juvenile Hall, in early January.

The Juvenile Hall rebuild will address a variety of critical issues. Damiano said that because of the facility’s layout and outdated design, the safety of staff and detainees is compromised.

## ❖ THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL

# Wind, rain wallop Humboldt

**MAD RIVER UNION**

HUMBOLDT – Heavy rains and high winds battered the North Coast from the middle of last week through Sunday, causing minor flooding and knocking out power.

The first major blast of wind and rain hit Wednesday, intermittently knocking out power to communities throughout the North Coast, leaving thousands without electricity. Power came on and off in various communities through the weekend,

The Azalea Avenue neighborhood on the southeast side of McKinleyville got walloped Thursday morning, Dec. 10, with numerous trees falling and bringing power lines down with them. With live lines on the ground, some residents were trapped in their homes for hours before the scene was cleared.

Out on the peninsula, the Manila Community Services District lost Pacific Gas & Electric power to its sewer lift station at the west end of Lupin Avenue at about 4 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. A backup generator kicked in, but took a dump about 12 hours later, at 4 p.m.

With the help of a technician, Manila MCS&D Manager Chris Drop nursed the generator and got it somewhat running. As a precaution, residents in the sandy out-post were warned to substantially reduce their water use to limit sewer flows.

Had the generator totally failed, a valve would have been shut off to the sewer system holding tank. Sewage would then have remained in the septic/holding tanks on individual properties. Those tanks have a limited capacity and could overflow if not

pumped to the lift station. Fortunately, PG&E power was restored Friday morning and a sewer spill was averted.

**AT&T outage**

Humboldt County also experienced another AT&T outage last week after a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) crew accidentally severed a fiber optic line while performing storm cleanup. The incident happened at about 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 between Fortuna and Rio Dell.

The cut cable disrupted some phone and Internet service for thousands throughout the county, although landlines and some Internet service continued to work. Several banks were offline and had to process transactions manually.

AT&T crews worked through the evening’s brutal storm, splicing the severed fiber optic lines back together. At 8:15 a.m. Thursday morning, Dec. 10, services were restored.

**Heavy rain**

Last week began with light rain, but by Wednesday, Mother Nature turned on the fire hose. According to the National Weather Service, the airport in McKinleyville received 1.46 inches on Wednesday, Dec. 9; 1.31 inches on Thursday, Dec. 10; 1.11 inches on Friday, Dec. 11; .97 of an inch on Saturday, Dec. 12, and a whopping 2.89 inches on Sunday, Dec. 13.

The total rainfall from Dec. 1 to 13 is 10.42 inches. The forecast for today, Dec. 16 calls for cloudy weather, with rain this evening and through the week.

# Council | Committee seats doled out

**❖ FROM A1**

her observation of a year ago.

Calling Pitino “a great councilmember,” and noting that he probably had three votes from the other council members, Ornelas nonetheless said that “I feel like he has an emotional nature that’s not as calm as I would prefer in a mayor.”

Wheatley, who has served several terms as mayor, said Pitino had “done a great job over the past year.” He said the mayor position brings out the best in councilmembers, and that Pitino would rise to the occasion.

“Once you’re mayor, you have to take on a different approach to the matters before us in that capacity,” Wheatley said. “I’m confident that Paul knows that and is going to do a great job, and I fully endorse his nomination.”

Councilmember Sofia Pereira said she was confident Pitino would handle the position well, but that she appreciated Ornelas expressing her opinion. Outgoing Mayor Michael Winkler didn’t comment.

The subsequent vote was 3 to 1 in favor of Pitino, with Ornelas dissenting. Pitino and

Winkler then swapped seats, with Pitino taking the center position on the council dais.

Wheatley then nominated Ornelas for vice mayor, and she accepted. Pereira said she’s been interested in the vice mayoral role, but that she was happy to vote for Ornelas.

During the vote, Pereira, Winkler and Wheatley voted for Ornelas, but Pitino held back. In a brief, but cringeworthy moment, Pitino then said “I’ll vote ...” and seemed to hesitate.

“Aye!” Pitino then stated, adding, “Why not?” and adding, “It’s all subjective.”

Thence ensued a vigorous discussion by councilmembers over appointments to the regional boards, such as the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) to which the city sends representatives.

Mayor Pitino asserted that such appointments ought to be codified in the council’s Protocol Manual as occurring via some set means of succession by councilmembers. Ornelas and others differed, preferring that the appointments be made more flexibly, based on councilmembers’ aptitudes.

# Fire | Neighboring firefighters help out

**❖ FROM A1**

bedroom, the house sustained major smoke and heat damage throughout.

Arcata Fire District responded with three engines and a chief officer. Additionally, Humboldt Bay Fire responded with one engine and a chief officer. CalFire provided an engine to cover the Arcata area and Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department provided coverage for the McKin-

leyville area.

Arcata Fire District would like to remind everyone of the importance of never leaving lit candles unattended and in having a family fire escape plan. The plan should be in place before disaster strikes, and should include a meeting place outside at a safe distance from the home. For more information, visit [arcatafire.org/#!-fire-safe-home/czs2](http://arcatafire.org/#!-fire-safe-home/czs2).

# Oysters | Concerns about eel grass, duck habitat

**❖ FROM A1**

be among the agencies approving permits for the expansion. Greg Dale, Coast Seafoods’ operations manager and a district commissioner, said the project would add to the 300 acres of the bay now used for the company’s shellfish farming.

He said the expansion would meet the rising demand for the company’s shellfish and create 70 more jobs.

One of the most significant potential environmental impacts is reduction of eel grass density beneath the longlines that hang oyster baskets. But Marlene Meaders of the Confluence Environmental consulting company said widely-spacing the lines is “a good way to maintain eel grass and still have oyster longlines.”

Greg O’Connell of the SHN consulting company described a four-year eel grass monitoring

plan that will gauge any reduction of eel grass density. An initial two years of monitoring would define baseline conditions and two additional years of monitoring would gauge effects after the expansion’s been completed.

The consultants have concluded that the project will not significantly affect the bay’s natural resources. “Species that use Humboldt Bay are adapted to a high degree of variability and the project is designed to work well within that high degree of variability,” Dale said.

He described the monitoring effort as an extraordinary measure. “There’s never been anything done like that on the West Coast, or really, on the East Coast, to monitor a project – what we’re doing here is unprecedented as an applicant and as a company,” he said.

Dale added, “I’m pretty proud of where we’ve come and where

we’re going with this project.”

During a question and answer session, Jen Kalt of Humboldt Baykeeper said her group is “not opposed to the project in concept but we think it’s too large of an expansion to do all at once.”

Several hunters in the audience were concerned about impacts to navigation and the feeding habits and reproductive capacity of black brandt, a waterfowl species.

Hunter Steve Rosenberg said expanding oyster farming further into the east side of Humboldt Bay will interfere with black brandt distribution and hunting access.

“The west side of the bay isn’t used by very many ducks anymore because of the oyster operations and I suggest that we leave the east side alone, completely – the existing area should be removed from the east side of the bay and that should be for recreation and conservation,” he continued.

The DEIR outlines a modeling analysis to estimate how changes to environmental conditions will impact the black brandt’s foraging ability. Meaders said the model “incorporated pretty conservative assumptions” and showed a minimal impact on foraging ability.

But distrust was evident when one longtime hunter said the project will “kill off” black brandt.

“You should look at the model and comment,” Adam Wagschal, the district’s deputy director, told him.

“Model? What does the model have to do with reality?” the hunter replied. Later, he added, “You cannot guarantee that you’re not going to take out this species of black brandt over the next 60 to 70 years.”

Blue Lake resident Kent Sawatsky called attention to the district’s pre-permitting program for new oyster farmers. He said the project will undermine it by giving Coast Seafoods “a monopoly.”



**OYSTER OPERATOR** Greg Dale, operations manager of Coast Seafoods, listens to a question about his company’s plan to expand its Humboldt Bay oyster farming operations by 622 acres. PHOTO BY DANIEL MINTZ | UNION

But a small-scale Humboldt Bay oyster farmer said Coast Seafoods’ operations are “an advantage” to the bay and he supported the company’s expansion plans.

The DEIR is available on the Harbor District’s website at [humboldtbay.org](http://humboldtbay.org). Comments on it will be taken until Dec. 31.

# Register | Growers need to get in line

**❖ FROM A1**

The state’s Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act allows the priority status for those who are conducting commercial medical marijuana operations as of Jan. 1, 2016. The state has outlined numerous licensing types ranging from cultivation to distribution but the system will not be launched until sometime in 2018.

In the meantime, being on the registry will allow the county to eventually define operators as being “in good standing,” with the exact definition still being developed. Sundberg said there has been confusion about the registry’s purpose.

He clarified that it potentially reserves a place in line for state licensing and does not initiate a permitting process because one is not in place yet.

Signing onto the registry will indicate intent to seek state licensing and also “imply

that whatever you do will also be in conformance with Humboldt County regulations as we develop them,” Fennell said. “They are saying that if you’re not in line, you will be at the back of the line by the time they get it together.”

Deputy County Counsel Joel Ellinwood emphasized that the registry is for those who are engaged in medical marijuana-related operations as of Jan. 1 and not for those who intend to be after that date. New state law sets licensing conditions for marijuana operations, including maximum outdoor grow sizes of one acre. But cities and counties can be more restrictive, as long as they enact local ordinances by March 1.

Humboldt County is believed to be the only county in the state that is developing its own land use regulations for marijuana production and other activities. Supervisor Virginia Bass noted that state law outlines



**Estelle Fennell**

licensing types and sets deadlines for local jurisdictions but leaves state implementation open-ended.

“I think we’re forced into this by the actions of the state,” she said, adding that Humboldt County is scrambling to meet an “artificial timeline” while the state devises its licensing system.

“In many ways we’re forced to go through the process in a backwards fashion,” Bass continued.

The deadlines in state law might be changed during the legislative session that begins in January but without assurance of what will be done, the county is proceeding with its own ordinance.

It will not be in effect by Jan. 1, however, and county planner Steve Lazar said the registry is an interim measure for the county as well as the state.

“All we can do in that limited window is to create the registration concept,” he continued. “It is using the county’s authority to essentially anticipate what’s coming through local regulation, recognize exist-

ing operators and acknowledge that once we’ve had the chance to vet your operation through review, then we can actually, in the future, recognize it.”

During a public comment period, operators of medical marijuana businesses supported the registry’s approval and suggested various means of defining existence by Jan. 1, including registration with the state’s Board of Equalization and the county Assessor’s Office.

Applause sounded after supervisors voted to approve the registry. Fennell said there are concerns about medical marijuana regulation but “we all understand that we’re going to improve the situation by taking these steps.”

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# OPINION

## Remembering and learning from our past history

### Countering corruption, collusion and croneyism

On Thursday, Dec. 10, Paul Pitino was selected to be mayor of Arcata for the next year. A meeting this time last year was very important because Paul openly stated that he wanted to be mayor during his short two-year term and also to have the important assignments given to the mayor per the protocol manual. Even though Paul was given the vice mayor appointment last year, it was not without some pain and controversy. So much so that I encouraged the public to view that meeting in my letter to the editor one year ago. Paul was standing up for changes that are needed and are long overdue.

Today's meeting was even more interesting and even more revealing as to who the Arcata City councilors are, as well as some of their fundamental perspectives that affect all of the citizens.

I strongly encourage anyone who is interested in Arcata politics and government to watch the video of today's meeting. It is a bird's eye view. You may view the meeting at [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org), City Council meetings, under today's date. The meeting is just under one hour long but the most important parts take place within the first 37 minutes.

My view on the process of how the mayor is selected as well as how the important assignments of Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) and Humboldt State liaison are determined, has not changed in the last year.

Arcata's protocol manual must be revamped and updated to make it fair and equitable for every serving city councilmember to have the opportunity to be mayor and to also have these assignments, sometime during their four-year term or shorter term if possible.

I completely disagree with the viewpoints that not every elected member of the City Council is equipped to do these things. If a person is elected by the populace, that is the only requirement they should need. To have it be any other way leaves government open to corruption, collusion and croneyism, some of which I have witnessed during my watch of local politics during the last 20 years.

Most people know that abuse of power is something that occurs quite frequently in every level of politics and the citizenry must be on guard to not allow our governments and government agencies to fall into

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these ways of operating. The biggest barrier to us having a corrupt free government is our lack of campaign finance reform, however the process of how positions of power are filled is equally important, in my mind.

I agree with the idea put forth in the meeting that Joint Powers Association (JPA) agencies that elected officials serve on should have some type of training that is automatic for newly elected officials. In addition, the city should require that there is a mandatory meeting between newly appointed members and members who are stepping down from important JPA assignments to help make the transitions easier for everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL! Thank you for your great service to all of us in Arcata.

Dana Quillman  
Arcata

### Respect for our history

I echo the concerns of Arcata residents about street people leaving too much of a trace on the downtown. I, along the other downtown property owners, have appealed to the police department and to the city to take some action about this on several occasions with no response whatsoever. Having said that, I do not believe that any connection can be made between the statue of William McKinley and the problems of litter and filth in Arcata.

I understand that there is a move on the part of some local residents to remove the statue of William McKinley in the name of cleaning up the Plaza. I'm sure the City of Arcata is the ultimate decision maker on this issue and am therefore addressing my comments to them.

While it is possible that many current residents do not like the McKinley statue, it is important to be aware that the stakeholders in this discussion are not only current residents, but past residents and future residents.

Those people who profess their love for Arcata more than likely love it for its character, and the McKinley statue and the people who believed it was important to put the statue there are a part of the character of Arcata.

The statue has been part of the fabric of Arcata for over 100 years, more than two

thirds of the time that Arcata has existed. My thoughts are summarized by my Facebook post below:

While I'm definitely not a fan of William McKinley, I'm not at all in favor of removing his statue. This sculpture, by a very prominent artist of his time – Haig Patigan – represents Arcata's booster past, the civic-mindedness of George Zehndner and the nation's grief after a presidential assassination. The Arcata mindset wasn't always as it is today. It's OK to keep this reminder of a different time with a different mood.

According to Wikipedia:  
"Zehndner presented the statue to the city of Arcata on July 4, 1906, as 'a gift to the city of Arcata for all time to come.' Two thousand people, more visitors than the town had ever received, came to Arcata for the unveiling."

Two thousand people. At that time the population of Arcata was about 1,000. So the town was filled to twice its normal size for the dedication of this statue. I believe it's appropriate to show some respect for the past by retaining this symbol of turn of the 20th century Arcata.

The statue connects Arcata not only to its own past, but to the nation's past and the San Francisco earthquake.

McKinley is depicted with his hand outstretched, as it was when he was shot; the statue was rescued from the rubble of the earthquake and made its way to Humboldt County by steamship two months after the earthquake.

No redwood tree, bandstand or statue of nymphs could convey the sense of time and place that the McKinley statue does. It makes Arcata distinctive where any replacement would relegate Arcata to the sameness of other rural small towns.

Please retain this sense of time and place for the sake of past residents and for future residents.

Katherine Stokes Morehouse  
Arcata

### Past, present and future

Regarding the McKinley statue plaque issue, hopefully everyone will cool down and compromise. Here's what I would suggest.

A footnote to history:  
This statue of President McKinley by Haig Patigan was dedicated on July 4, 1906 after the president was assassinated in 1901.

It is part of Arcata's history. However, times were different then, and many today find fault with his imperialistic policies.

May we learn from the past, plan for the future, and live in the present.

Sincerely,  
George Green  
Arcata

### Trinity Hospital correction

The Dec. 2 *Mad River Union* carried an article about Trinity Hospital, located in Arcata. It included a statement that the current hospital is in the same location as the original, which burned down in February 1943.

As an Arcata native and one who was born in the original Trinity Hospital, I can assure you that the original hospital was located on 13th and G streets, which is not the location of the current hospital.

For further reference, see *Images of America Arcata* by Jessie Faulkner, page 97.

Respectfully,  
Jackie Ravano  
McKinleyville

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## TOWERING TOTEM

**TALL TOTEM** McKinleyville's Totem Pole, left, in full, is topped by Thunderbird, above, who keeps an eye on avian friends. Right, the informational plaque at the base describes the pole as the "World's Largest." It was carved from a single 500-year-old redwood. PHOTOS BY JDD | UNION



## An invitation to look over Mack Town's most overlooked artwork

Jack Durham  
MAD RIVER UNION

**McKINLEYVILLE** – This Friday, as you peruse the artwork on display for McKinleyville Art Night (see listings on page B2), stop for a moment to look up and admire what is arguably the greatest work of art on display in Northern California. Well, if not the greatest, it's certainly one of the largest.

Take a fresh look at the McKinleyville Totem Pole.

The pole was first carved in 1962 by Ernest Pierson with the help of Johnny Nelson. Pierson wanted to create a tourist attraction for his newly opened McKinleyville Shopping Center.

The pole was erected and claimed the title of the "World's Tallest Totem Pole." (Although it's worth noting that Pierson used the word "largest" when carving the plaque at its base.)

Although the McKinleyville Totem Pole is not as tall as the one in Alert Bay, British Columbia, it still holds a record: it's the tallest totem pole carved from a single log, hands down. The McKinleyville pole is 160 feet tall and weighs 57,000 pounds.

It also holds the title of the World's Largest Totem Pole – the title that Ernest Pierson used – because you're unlikely to find any other totem poles carved from a 500-year-old old-growth redwood.

It's not a static work of art. It's ever changing, with nature interjecting herself into the viewing experience.

On a clear morning, the pole is bathed in an orange light. Grizzly Bear, Redheaded Woodpecker and Beaver – characters repainted by Duane Flatmo in 1998 – take on a warm, cheerful glow. As the sun reaches its zenith, pinline shadows are cast in the carved outlines, giving the pole contrast in the harsh light.

By evening, the pole becomes a silhouette. Although it's not spotlighted at night, there's enough ambient light from the shopping center to make out the pole's bottommost character, Indian, topped by Grizzly Bear, then Owl, Beaver, Crow, Frog and Fire, Blue Jay, Coyote and Redheaded Woodpecker gently disappear into the darkness, your eye gazing ever upward until you can see Thunderbird, its outstretched wings outlined against the darkening sky.

The sky is always part of the viewing experience, providing a backdrop of process blue, or cottonball clouds, or, more often than not, a sea of gray. Sometimes the weather acts as a filter, with Crow and Blue Jay visible through a gauze-like layer of fog.

People meander in the shadow of the totem pole every day, but often forget to look up. Their faces are buried in their mobile devices absorbing digital transmissions. But above them lurks a wondrous piece of folk art, erected 53 years ago but still changing and evolving with Mack Town.

So on Friday night, stop for a moment. Gaze up. Admire. Come back and you'll see something new every time.

*A version of this article first appeared in the July 4, 2012 edition of the McKinleyville Press. Find out more about the McKinleyville Totem Pole at [mckinleyville-press.com/totem-pole-information](http://mckinleyville-press.com/totem-pole-information).*

**NUTCRACKER IN NARNIA** Trinity Ballet Academy of McKinleyville presents *Nutcracker in Narnia* on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the North Coast Repertory Theater at 300 Fifth St. in Eureka. The Kings and Queens of Narnia host this delightful event as their friends from the Land of the Nutcracker as well as the Land of the Christmas Star come to join them to celebrate Christmas. Trinity Ballet Academy's Amy Grandfield, right, will dance along with Trinity Ballet Academy's Youth Ballet Theater ranging in ages 11 to young adult. Seating is limited; call (707) 839-1816 to reserve. PHOTO COURTESY AMY GRANDFIELD



**SCI-FI XMAS** The Annual Science Fiction Christmas featuring *The Great Rupert* (1950) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways is Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. in Arcata. In the main feature, Jimmy Durante plays the patriarch of a down-on-their-luck family of acrobats, who suddenly finds a great deal of money hidden in his house amid the depths of the Great Depression. The authorities suspect Durante of being a thief, but in fact the culprit is a benevolent little squirrel named Rupert, whose stop-motion animation is the handiwork of George Pal. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested, as is the donning of ugly Christmas sweaters.



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**KAMOME BOOK SIGNING I** Join author Lori Dengler and illustrator Amy Uyeki to celebrate the release of their new children’s book *The Extraordinary Voyage of Kamome: A Tsunami Boat Comes Home* **Saturday, Dec. 19** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Clarke Historical Museum, 240 E. St., Eureka. Bring the kids down for an exciting tale of two towns, thousands of miles apart, that were connected by the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

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**KAMOME BOOK SIGNING II** The Rocking Horse in Jacoby’s Storehouse on the Arcata Plaza welcomes Lori Dengler and Amy Uyeki reading and signing their book, *The Extraordinary Voyage of Kamome: A Tsunami Boat Comes Home* on **Sunday, Dec 20** at 1 p.m. This bilingual children’s book tells the true story of a small boat swept away by the March 2011 Japan tsunami that was found two years later in Crescent City. Dengler will read the book and play a few excerpts of co-author Amya Miller reading in Japanese. Amy Uyeki will demonstrate how to make an origami boat and seagull. Following the reading, Dengler and Uyeki will answer questions and sign copies of the book.

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**THE SPIRIT OF SANTA** The joy, kindness, and love behind Santa Claus will be examined at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, Dec. 20** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “The Spirit of Santa: The Legend, the Love, the Lowdown,” features a filmed interview with Mark and Teresa McGraw, a couple who professionally play the roles of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, [bobdipert@hotmail.com](mailto:bobdipert@hotmail.com)

### Jesus the Homeless Transient

Jesus drew his first breath  
not in a manger  
but in a hay trough  
(*phatné*, pidgin Greek).  
He was born homeless in a barn.  
Attended by beasts of the field,  
the stench of animal droppings  
filled his infant nostrils.  
He was also born on the run;  
he and his parents fled into Egypt  
because Herod was said to be intent  
on killing him.  
The boy’s name was nothing special.  
“Jesus” was as common then  
as Smith and Jones are now.  
His existence was equally common.  
Jesus grew up  
under a roof insulated with flaking mud,  
surrounded by walls plastered with cow dung.  
Lice teemed in his hair.  
He crawled and played  
on a packed dirt floor.  
There was no sanitation,  
no running water,  
no soap.  
Outside,  
the winding alleys  
plagued pedestrians  
with dust, ruts, mud and muck.  
If Jesus played tag with his boyhood friends  
they met with heaps and heaps  
of rubbish, trash, debris and offal.  
There were no street sweepers;  
Unbridled filth abounded  
and the populace saw lots of dead bodies.  
Cadavers rotted and deliquesced  
in the open,  
food for vermin and wild dogs.  
  
Most Nazarenes subsisted  
on primitive agriculture.  
A poor artisan like Jesus’s father,  
a cabinet maker,  
paid extortionate taxes  
to the cursed Roman autocrat.  
It was a lower class trade.  
A cabinet maker was itinerant,  
traveling place to place for work,  
living a meager and fragile existence.  
In adulthood,  
Jesus too was always on the move,  
roaming the countryside  
as one more holy man among many,  
charlatans aplenty,  
stirring dissension among  
ignorant superstitious peasants.  
Jesus befriended the heathen,

consorting with rogues, adulterers, loose women,  
squabbling peasants, poor fishermen and  
worse yet, dirty Samaritans.  
The kinds of people you wouldn’t want  
at your dinner table  
or even in your neighborhood.  
According to the canonical gospels,  
cobbled together  
by sundry authors,  
Jesus was counted among outlaws,  
accused of promoting immorality,  
despised as a glutton and a drunkard.  
He was impatient, impertinent  
and disrespectful.  
He sassed the Elders and mocked the Jewish Law.  
A transient, a wanderer, jobless, probably illiterate,  
he had nowhere to shelter.  
He was a sponger,  
panhandling for food and drink.  
Women, all worker bees,  
washed his feet.  
Defiant, argumentative, downright blasphemous,  
wholly unable to respect authority,  
Jesus would be diagnosed today  
with acute personality disorder.  
Predictably he was derided and deplored  
as an agent of the devil  
or the devil himself.  
He purposely alienated  
the elites of both church and state,  
estranged himself  
from his parents and siblings,  
and at times  
stole away from his own disciples,  
who found him incomprehensible,  
a peasant enigma who spoke in riddles.

What Jesus understood,  
and no one then or now  
wants to hear,  
is that man is the only animal  
who is unhappy,  
most of all with himself.  
He saw  
that we are creatures  
who live in, for and by illusion,  
who cannot desist from deceiving ourselves.  
Other animals have camouflage,  
man has lies.  
That is why,  
hanging between two thieves,  
Jesus said,  
“Forgive them, Father,  
for they know not what they do.”  
We still don’t.

—Paul Mann

### McKinleyville Art Night this Friday

**MCKINLEYVILLE ART NIGHT**  
**MACK TOWN** – McKinleyville Art Night is Friday, Dec. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Blake’s Books**, 2005 Central Ave. – Artist-in-residence Tina Gleave shows silk scarves, shawls and silk paintings, with music by Harry Smith  
**California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport** – View artwork by Humboldt County artists Augustus Clark, Curtis Otto, Hanna Pierce, How-

ard Emerson, Rob Hampson and Micki Flatmo at the long-term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association.  
**Cloney’s Pharmacy**, McKinleyville Shopping Center – Various artists present works in a variety of media. *Not open arts night, but will have artwork displayed during the month of December.*  
**McKinleyville Family Resource Center**, 1450 Hiller Rd. – Bring your family out to

a night of art and fun with special activities from 6 to 7 p.m. Come prepared for a fun night for children of all ages.  
**North Coast Frozen Yogurt**, McKinleyville Shopping Center – A collection of “Intarsia” woodwork by Earl Stevens.  
McKinleyville Art Night is the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460. [mckinleyvilleartsnight.com](http://mckinleyvilleartsnight.com)

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16	THURSDAY, DEC. 17	FRIDAY, DEC. 18	SATURDAY, DEC. 19	SUNDAY, DEC. 20	MONDAY, DEC. 21	TUESDAY, DEC. 22
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	9 p.m. • Slow Magic, Griffage & Lindsay Lowend		7:30 p.m. • Random Acts of Comedy	5 p.m. • Democratic National Debate	6 p.m. • <i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i> (1992)		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Mojo Rockers	9 p.m. Cold Blue Water	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Dr. Squid	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			9:30 p.m. • March Fourth & Sepiatonic	9 p.m. • Soul Wars Soul Night			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. • Whomp Whomp Wednesday	10 p.m. Blue Lotus			10 p.m. Sundaze		9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. Brian Post	7 p.m. Jim Silva			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. Kindred Spirits	9 p.m. • Ugly holiday sweater contest	6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Holly and the I.V.s	6 p.m. • Compost Mountain Boys	6 p.m. Redwood Ramblers	6 p.m. Roland Rock			6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. • Songwriter Ping Pong	6 p.m. KRFH Takeover	8 p.m. The P-Town Freaks		7 p.m. Bingo	
	Richards’ Goat 401 I St., Arcata	7 p.m. <i>Heart of a Dog</i>	7 p.m. <i>Heart of a Dog</i>	9 p.m. Queer Vibes Party	TBA • Democratic Debate Party	9 p.m. Karaoke	7 p.m. <i>The Wonders</i>	all day Taco Tuesday
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		8 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass	9 p.m. Blacksage Runners		8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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MARIAH SOUTHWORTH  
COMPANION ANIMALS

Banner could be that new best friend. This adorable 7-month-old Border Collie/Labrador mix came to Companion Animal Foundation in the early summer, and all he wants this holiday season is a loving new family.

“Banner is super smart,” said his foster mom, Britney Rachels. “He’s a quick learner and is great with other animals, especially cats. He loves to go on adventures.”

Banner has already been neutered, is up-to-date on his vaccines, and treated for parasites. He’s ready to go to a new home, so the question is, are you ready to fall in love? To find out, come and meet Banner and the rest of CAF’s adoptable animals at our thrift store, located at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata.

If you have any questions about our organization or the programs we offer, please email us at [cafanimals@gmail.com](mailto:cafanimals@gmail.com), visit [cafanimals.org](http://cafanimals.org), check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook or call (707) 826-7387.

**MEDIATION MAKERS** Humboldt Mediation Services presents the graduates from its Community Mediator Training last October: Fernando Paz, trainer Sondra Schaub, Katie Lowe, trainer Chip Sharpe, Darcy Miller, trainer Kathleen Sartorius, Rebecca Zender, Zach Hufft, Rob Roversi, Altaira Hatton, Za Lo, trainer Ginny Ellis, Elly Roversi, Canine Very Familiaris, trainer Bruce Chaiet and Angela Bennett (not pictured: Aida Kastel, Karen Oeth, Lindsey Reed and Mary Waters). Humboldt Mediation Services provides confidential forums for dispute resolution, trains community members to serve as volunteer mediators and offers consultation, custom workshops, and meeting facilitations throughout Humboldt County. (707) 445-2505, [humboldtmediationservices.org](http://humboldtmediationservices.org)

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Bob Hope always says “Thanks for the Memories,” which is his theme song, and we at *The Union* say the same for the response to our open house last Sunday afternoon .... We who work around the equipment and with the procedures and processes every workday get accustomed to them. We’re sometimes surprised that everyone doesn’t know about them and we get tongue-tied trying to explain

everything in such a short time. But it was a pleasant task and we thank those who listened and expressed their interest by dropping by. We may not wait 100 more years to do it again.

– The Union, July 25, 1986

On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick  
DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY

You have a listing appointment with a real estate agent who shows up with a detailed market analysis and a list of all the advantages of listing with his or her company. The agent then goes through every part of your home, making suggestions about how you can stage your home to show at its best.

This last part makes some sellers a little uncomfortable. The Realtor’s recommendations about cosmetic improvements can make sellers realize that they should have been more vigilant in keeping up with what seemed like minor “fix-up” projects. If your realtor’s suggestions make you feel a little defensive, remember that none of this is personal!

Occasionally, we encounter a housekeeper who maintains a house to perfection, but that is rare. Most sellers need a little coaching to make their homes show well. Providing concrete ideas for home staging is an important part of our job. The better your home looks while it’s on the market area, the more likely it is to sell quickly, and for the best price.

For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, call Joanie Frederick, Broker, Azalea Realty, (707) 362-0144, or check out our website at [www.azalearealty.com](http://www.azalearealty.com).

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Reegan loves the water, Draco likes to stay dry

The rainy days have finally returned to Humboldt County! Now, dog owners have to decide between wet dogs or bored dogs, a difficult choice ... Up at the shelter, we volunteers check the hourly weather forecasts and try to catch the windows between the storms to get dogs out for walks. If anyone has a dog raincoat that they no longer need, we would happily accept it as a donation at the shelter.

One of our great shelter dogs that couldn’t care less about getting wet is our big buddy Reegan. Reegan is a 2-year-old American Bulldog mix. He has been at the shelter since August and is ready for a real home.



Reegan

Reegan is very people-friendly and seems fine with other dogs. His favorite activity is fetching, and he barely notices anything else when he is in the middle of a good game of fetch!

Reegan has a few special volunteer friends. One of them, Ryan, took Reegan out for a Sunday outing recently. They went to the river and the beach and had such a wonderful time. Reegan was so well-behaved on the trip; he sat quietly in the car on the drive, swam and fetched in the river and never took his eye off of Ryan! He was even allowed to run free and came right back every time he was



Draco

called. Potential adopters often want to know how the dogs are off-leash, which is not something we usually get to observe. With Reegan, we can say that he stays right with his person! Videos of Reegan’s day out are up on the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Facebook page.

Reegan is a big dog, about 80 pounds, and could still use a little more leash training, but if you want an extremely loyal and devoted companion, this is the dog for you! Reegan is neutered, microchipped and current on vaccinations. He is currently at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More info is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals has an old friend that has been bounced around here and there for most of his young life.

**FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT** Humboldt Literacy Project and the Eureka Main Library present Family Literacy Night featuring Ross Mackinney today, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Main Library, 1313 Third St. Prepare to be delighted and amazed by this talented juggler and engaging storyteller. Mackinney has been performing for more than 30 years and draws on his extensive knowledge of Celtic folklore to put on a show that people of all ages will enjoy. Family Literacy Night is a monthly program that centers family fun around the joy of reading. Each child in attendance will receive a free book at the end of the presentation. Books are generously donated by Tin Can Mailman. Library programs are free and accessible to people with disabilities; contact the library if assistance is required. For more information, call 269-1910 or visit [humlib.org](http://humlib.org). Family Literacy Night is sponsored by First Five Humboldt and Humboldt Literacy Project. For more information about Humboldt County’s only source for free, confidential, one-on-one literacy tutoring for adults, call Humboldt Literacy Project at (707) 445-3655.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1. Staircase parts
- 6. Branch
- 10. Lose one’s footing
- 14. Dissect
- 15. Exchange fee
- 16. \_\_\_ purpose; pointlessly
- 17. Game site
- 18. Secret Service agent
- 20. Hosp. employees
- 21. Opening
- 23. South American range
- 24. Actress Deborah
- 25. Shed feathers
- 27. Gratify
- 30. Poi source
- 31. Bakery purchase
- 34. Like meringue
- 35. Carrier
- 36. Crawling insect
- 37. “Get real!”
- 41. Last queen of Spain
- 42. Upper crust
- 43. Regal address
- 44. Draft board: abbr.
- 45. City in the Silver State
- 46. Landlord
- 48. Prudent
- 49. Stop
- 50. Well-known
- 53. Scotch and \_\_\_
- 54. Caesar, for one
- 57. Math, English, etc.
- 60. Info on a book spine
- 62. Melody
- 63. \_\_\_ vera
- 64. Brontë or Dickinson
- 65. Willow or birch
- 66. Information
- 67. Challenges

- 3. Summers abroad
- 4. Play on words
- 5. Black suit
- 6. Toil
- 7. Composer Stravinsky
- 8. Prefix for wife or west
- 9. Altar \_\_\_; acolyte
- 10. Feat
- 11. Washful
- 12. On the subject of
- 13. Whale groups
- 19. In abundance
- 22. Unprocessed metal
- 24. Danny \_\_\_
- 25. Dull surface
- 26. Nabisco treat
- 27. Walks the floor
- 28. Wild felines
- 29. Bombeck and others
- 30. Role for Jay Silverheels
- 31. Capital city
- 32. Preamble, for short
- 33. Old anesthetic
- 35. Strong string
- 38. Ridicule
- 39. Hombre’s cheers
- 40. Right-hand man: abbr.
- 46. Youth
- 47. On cloud nine
- 48. Piece of pie
- 49. Flexible tubes
- 50. Hurriedly
- 51. Acidity
- 52. Feature for horses and lions
- 53. Flat-bottomed boat
- 54. Mix in a bowl
- 55. He: Lat.
- 56. Actress Susan & family
- 58. Gent
- 59. Suffix for text or project
- 61. “\_\_\_ little teapot, short and stout...”

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**THE UNCONING OF THE DOWNSTREAM DESIGNS MURAL AT EIGHTH AND H**  
**DANGEROUSLY AWESOME** Gina Tuzzi’s “Downstream Designs” mural, one of four sponsored by the City of Arcata’s Recreation Division to educate the public about stormwater pollution prevention, was protected by a palisade of cones during its creation, left. Then people started slipping on it, and it had to be coned off from pedestrians, middle left. By the time the Season of Wonder and Light was kicking off, the mural had become part sculpture with a disheveled confoundment of cones and hazard tape, middle right. Finally, a coat of “grit sealant” was applied, allowing them who trod upon it to do so with sufficient traction, and today, the fish-friendly, marine mammal-benevolent mural stands unconed as a beacon of eco-reason, right.     PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



**CONTRABAND** Blake’s alleged loot.     HCSO PHOTO

## Bloodied Blake’s Mck methadventure

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
**McKINLEYVILLE** – On Sunday, Dec. 6 at approximately 1:30 p.m. Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to McKinleyville Avenue near McKinleyville High School for a report of a suspicious subject. When deputies arrived, they made contact with Larry Gene Blake, 55, of McKinleyville. Blake had blood on his face from an unknown injury. Deputies questioned Blake about his injury and Blake stated he had warrants for his arrest. The deputies confirmed Blake had three felony warrants

out for his arrest. After Blake was handcuffed and placed in the back of the patrol vehicle, a search of Blake’s backpack was conducted. Deputies located 13.9 ounces of methamphetamine, paraphernalia indicating possession of a controlled substance for sale, a cellular phone, and \$940 in Blake’s wallet. Blake was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional facility for his three felony warrants, possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia and violating terms of probation.



Larry Gene Blake



**MEET THE LAW** Members of the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office. PHOTOS COURTESY HCSO

## Downey announces new deputies, promotions thanks to Measure Z

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**HUMBOLDT** – Sheriff Mike Downey is pleased to announce the swearing in of two new Humboldt County correctional deputies and two new deputy sheriff recruits. The two new correctional deputies are Arthur Johnson and Jordan Checots. Both are residents of Eureka. The two new deputy sheriff recruits are Brandon Head and Foy Melendy. Head is currently enrolled in the College of the Redwoods Police Academy and Melendy will attend the upcoming Police Academy in January 2016. Downey promoted a lieutenant and captain as well. Sgt. Bryan Quenell was promoted to lieutenant and Lt. Kym Thompson was promoted to captain. Lt. Quenell has been with the Sheriff’s Office for almost 19 years, and Capt. Thompson has been with office for 21 years. These new hires would not be possible without the passing of Measure

Z. The sheriff thanked the community for its continued support and is committed to providing competent, effective, and responsive public services to the citizens of Humboldt County. If you have any questions about current job openings, contact Human Resources at (707) 476-2349 or visit [humboldt.gov/317/human-resources](http://humboldt.gov/317/human-resources). Multiple open positions are made possible through funding from Measure Z.



Johnson, Downey and Checots.



Downey and Quenell.



Downey and Thompson.



Downey and Melendy.

## Not necessarily appetizing, or endearing, or even remotely understandable

• **Monday, November 23 8:38 a.m.** A man in a Buick LeSabre just couldn’t quit the hospital ER, despite having already been treated. He just kept coming back in from his car until staff complained.  
• **1:02 p.m.** A woman who lost her wallet a year ago said her friend found a copy of her driver’s license in a thrift store parking lot. She was worried that someone was using her ID.  
• **2:55 p.m.** A cargo-rich man bedecked in blue suitcase, blue backpack and blue bicycle bothered and bewildered people on 10th Street. He appeared to be searching for something, interspersed with staring at someone. When

asked why, he became profane and abusive.  
• **4:58 p.m.** A man was reported pushing a Safeway shopping cart with locked wheels down Samoa Boulevard.  
• **Tuesday, November 24 1:03 p.m.** A shaggy-haired, shoeless man and his backpack seemed besmitten with a woman who lives on Fifth Street, bringing gifts to her door at an alarming rate – like seven times between 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. the previous night. Various friends appealed to him to knock it off, but he kept turning up with unwanted offerings, begging to come in.  
• **1:57 p.m.** A gentleman whose luncheon cocktails made have given him a bit of a “glow” was found crumpled in a Seventh Street business doorway, his eyes rolled back in his head. For this he was arrested on a public drunkenness charge.  
• **5:38 p.m.** A woman reported leaving her MacBook in a bag in Redwood Park a month previous, and darn if it wasn’t there any more. Her ID and Social Security card went missing too.  
• **5:59 p.m.** Diners at a downtown deli had their appetites tem-

pered by the sight of a naked man ambling around outside.  
• **6:44 p.m.** When a woman accidentally struck a car with a shopping cart in an I Street store’s parking lot, the driver accused her of drinking while piloting a cart.  
• **Wednesday, November 25 11:29 a.m.** A person walking along the train tracks near M Street was pursued and nipped at by two pit bulls and two black labs in full dog-pack frenzy mode. The victim was OK, but was concerned about children at a nearby preschool.  
• **11:36 a.m.** Think your bike is safe inside your open garage on Stromberg Avenue? Science, in the form of an empirical example involving a \$400 bike, says otherwise.  
• **4:34 p.m.** Over to a 12th Street bed and breakfast, where another bike was snatched out of an unlocked shed.  
• **6:59 p.m.** A bloodied mad trudged into a Plaza yogurt shop claiming he’d been “bludgeoned” but that he had “taken care of it.” He then stood out front, bleeding for all to behold until wandering away, slathered in corpuscular topping.



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## Seaside village recognizes hard work of city staff – with chocolate

Nearing Christmas, when glad tidings of great joy are meant to prevail, the Dec. 9 Trinidad City Council meeting was all about good news.

City staff were recognized for the multitude of tasks they perform, many of which are behind the scenes, late at night or during off-duty hours. Public Works Director Bryan Buckman and his team, Paul Rosenblatt and Ryan Desmet, were presented certificates and chocolate tools as councilmembers read the lengthy list of jobs they perform, starting with regular and emergency water system upgrades and maintenance, trail trimming, clearing, repairing Town Hall and city properties and easements, locating and fixing above- and below-ground utility problems, mowing and maintaining Saunders Park and the cemetery and cheerfully responding to last minute emergencies of every description. Paul's son, 2-and-a-half-year-old Axel, was present to see his father honored. Ryan's 2-month-old daughter, Laurel, could not be present.

Deputy Sheriff Pamela Wilcox was given chocolate handcuffs and lauded for her public safety work, particularly with Hidden Creek matters, and for her vigilance in being alert to resident and business concerns.

Sandra Cutherbertson, who assists in the police office and when City Clerk Gabe Adams is away, takes on a wide variety of city needs relating to law enforcement, billing and mounds of paper work and public relations.

Rebecca Price-Hall, grant manager for several important storm water projects, continues to apply for funds to make Trinidad pollution-free and beautiful. Her latest project is working with the state to fund landscaping projects on city property which will enhance drainage and run-off issues.

City Clerk Gabriel Adams was away, but Mayor Fulkerson read the very long list of routine and often unexpected matters he faces every day, including organizing Town Hall use, greeting the constant flow

of concerned citizens seeking advice or answering questions, on everything from permits, historical records, maps, tennis court use, city projects, the city web page, minutes and meeting set-up, to how you can have a name engraved at Memorial Lighthouse or where you can purchase a cup of coffee, fishing bait or an umbrella.

City Manager Dan Berman has been on the job a relatively short period of time, but he works tirelessly, diligently, quietly and professionally to solve each budget and city project issue. Mayor Julie referred to him as "grounded, concerned and visionary," with an eye to long-term civic virtue, prosperity, and goodness.

The long list of city achievements was outlined in a PowerPoint slide presentation and on four large posters on the Town Hall wall. All of the honorees were given chocolate and praise by the council, which in turn was thanked by every city staff member for contributions to civic well-being.

### Community Christmas notes

Holy Trinity Church will hold its Christmas Eve Mass Thursday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m., Nancy Sheen reports.

Saints Martha and Mary Episcopal Church on Trinity Street will present carols at 5:30 p.m. and a Festal Christmas Mass at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All are invited, according to Kathrin Burleson.

Westhaven Center for the Arts will be closed Dec. 18 through 30.

Trinidad School Christmas vacation is Dec. 21 through Jan. 3.

Trinidad Museum will remain open throughout December, Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Native plant garden poppy, columbine and iris seeds painstakingly collected by garden committee are for sale along with many Trinidad-related books.

Trinidad Library keeps its regular Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday open hours throughout the month.

All Trinidad gift shops, art galleries, restaurants and wineries open for December visitors and residents.

Live music continues Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lighthouse Grill.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



the 238 students rehearse some 18 hours prior to a performance held at the First United Methodist Church in Palo Alto. Local students selected to participate were, above left, Arcata High's Olivia Hoffman and Adriana Halligan (teacher is Cassie Moulton – not pictured), top right, Fortuna High's Drew Merrill and Katie Puckett (shown with teacher Sarah McClimon), and, bottom right, Eureka High's Cory McCubbrey and Nina Egbert (shown with teacher Charles Young). The Rising Stars Foundation is a non-profit program that promotes and recognizes excellence in local students through 10 countywide events during the school year, including such longstanding activities as Science Fair, History Day and All County Music Festival. The foundation also sponsors related travel to regional and state events and competitions. To learn more and to make a tax-deductible donation directly to the students, visit [humboldt Rising Stars.org](http://humboldt Rising Stars.org) or contact Managing Director Colleen Toste at (707) 445-7164.

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### CITY OF ARCATA MAINTENANCE WORKER (Streets/Utilities)

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Final Filing Date: 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2015. Performs varied semi-skilled and skilled tasks in the maintenance, repair installation and monitoring of City streets and utilities systems and infrastructure; performs other related duties as assigned. Application materials are available at City of Arcata, City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521; by calling (707) 822-5953; or at [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org). EOE. <sup>12/16</sup>

## LEGAL NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00662

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DMC CONSTRUCTION** 2620 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 DMC HOME BUILDING, INC. 3840272 2620 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 This business is conducted by: A Corporation **S/DANIEL MARSH, PRESIDENT** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV 18, 2015 **KELLY E. SANDERS M. MORRIS DEPUTY** 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00641

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JUNIORS AUTO SALES** 1824 5TH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 **GRANADOS ENTERPRISES LLC** 201528010169 1824 5TH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company **S/LISA GRANADOS, MANAGING MEMBER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV 06, 2015 **KELLY E. SANDERS A.ABRAM DEPUTY** 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00653

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

### PACIFIC OUTFITTERS 1600 5TH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

**PACIFIC MARINE ENGINEERING C0556277** 1600 5TH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 This business is conducted by: A Corporation **S/SCOTT OSTROM, PRESIDENT** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV 13, 2015 **KELLY E. SANDERS A.ABRAM DEPUTY** 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00695

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **(1) ARCATA REAL ESTATE SERVICES (2) NORTH COAST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT** 791 8TH STREET SUITE 14 ARCATA, CA 95521 **NORTH COAST REAL ESTATE** 791 8TH STREET SUITE 14 ARCATA, CA 95521 This business is conducted by: A Corporation **S/DARRELL BURLISON, PRESIDENT** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 11, 2015 **KELLY E. SANDERS M. MORRIS DEPUTY** 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ALICIA SUTHERLAND** SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

### CASE NO. CV150848 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner **ALICIA SUTHERLAND** has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **CHAYSE SHAWN COOK** to Proposed name **CHAYSE SHAWN SUTHERLAND**.  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the hearing is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: 1/11/16 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 8  
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: **Mad River Union**.  
Date: NOV. 30, 2015 **DALE A. REINHOLTSEN** Judge of the Superior Court 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

### CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

**Case Name: MIRACLE PRAISE**  
**Case No.: JV140173**

1. To Nathaniel Pierce and anyone claiming to be a parent of **Miracle Praise**, aka: **Miracle Mountain-Moon-Oasis Praise** born on 12/13/2010 at home in Arcata, Humboldt County, California.  
2. A hearing will be held on February 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.  
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.  
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.  
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.  
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.  
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.

ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES **JEFFREY S. BLANCK, COUNTY COUNSEL** #115447 **DEBRA AVENMARG, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL** #271366 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 445-7236 DATE: NOV 19, 2015 **Kim M. Bartleson Clerk, by Kerri L. Keenan, Deputy** 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SAMUEL HERMAN JANSEN

**CASE NO.: PR150301**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **SAMUEL HERMAN JANSEN, AKA SAMUEL H. JANSEN, SAMUEL JANSEN, SAM HERMAN JANSEN, SAM H. JANSEN AND SAM JANSEN**

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: **SAMUEL EDWARD JANSEN, JR.** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **SAMUEL EDWARD JANSEN, JR.** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Inde-

pendent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**

Date: January 7, 2016 Time: 2:00 PM Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the

California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**  
**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for the petitioner: **CHRIS JOHNSON HAMER (SBN 105752) STOKES, HAMER, KAUFMAN & KIRK, LLP** 381 BAYSIDE ROAD, SUITE A ARCATA, CALIFORNIA 95521 707-822-1771 12/9, 12/16, 12/23

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HOWARD ARTHUR TRAUT

**CASE NO.: PR150309**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **HOWARD ARTHUR TRAUT**  
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: **STE-**

**VEN TRAUT** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **STEVEN TRAUT** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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Attorney for the petitioner: **ARTHUR NIELSEN, GALE & NIELSEN** 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 12/16, 12/23, 12/30



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